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Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Enclosed is the final report summarizing the NSRB study made by Johns Hopkins University of the impact of new weapons systems on requirements for strategic resources.

The trend of changes in weapons that was accelerated during World War II has continued since 1945 under the stimulus of developments in nuclear energy, electronics, propulsion equipment and related fields. Simultaneously, important developments in new materials and in industrial technology are altering weapons production problems.

Even the limited expansion of military production since 1950 has demonstrated the acute need for improved means of relating weapons changes to resource requirements. The central problem is that of introducing a coherence in planning that will cause the new requirements to be quickly reflected at the critical points in the system, so that shortages and production bottlenecks will be anticipated at the earliest possible moment.

The attached report contains the summary findings and recommendations growing out of a comprehensive study of the new weapons problem and its relationship to the context of overall mobilization planning. The material should be of value in many phases of the continuing effort to improve requirements estimates and programs to strengthen the Nation's strategic resources position.

In addition to the summary report, a series of supporting studies is available for reference in the NSRB files.

Sincerely,

SIGNED - E. T. DICKINSON

Edward T. Dickinson
Vice Chairman

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